

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 17, 18 and 20 - 32 are pending in this application.

A complete listing of all of the claims is now present in this response. The status identifier was added for cancelled claims 1 – 16. All other claims are shown with the identifier applied in the amendment filed October 24, 2005 as there are no changes to these claims in this response.

Applicants have attempted to be fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Should fees be necessary, now or during the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account 02-1653.

Respectfully submitted,



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